(c) The Council after deliberating on the various aspects of the Eighth Plan, as detailed in the document, endorsed it.

Defence Cooperation between India and Malaysia

378. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3876 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th March, 1992 and state :

(a) the result of the talks held between the Defence Ministers of India and Malaysia about cooperation between the two countries in the field of defence ;

(b) whether the scope of partnership between the two countries in the fields of science, technology and defence has been considered feasible ; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) Discussions between the Defence Ministers of India and Malaysia covered various issues of mutual interest, including exploration of bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries, which has been considered feasible. No agreement has so far been concluded between the two countries, for collaboration in the defence sector.

स्कूलों और कालेजों में "ऑनजिलयरि कैडेट कोर" का गठन

379. श्री अजीत जोगी :

श्री राजूभाई ए० परमार :

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या स्कूलों और कालेजों में अभी भी ऑनजिलयरि कैडेट कोर (ए० सी० सी०) का गठन किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितने स्कूलों और कालेजों में ए० सी० सी० का गठन किया गया है ;

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्ष वार तथा राज्य वार कुल कितने कैडेटों को प्रशिक्षित किया गया है ,

(घ) इस अवधि के दौरान उक्त प्रयोजनार्थ कितना वार्षिक बजट आबंटित किया गया था ; और

(ङ) उक्त अवधि के दौरान प्रशिक्षित किए गए इन कैडेटों में से कितने कैडेटों को रक्षा सेवाओं में खपाया गया है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) जी नहीं। सहायक कैडेट कोर को 1965 में समाप्त कर दिया गया था।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Leasing Out of Unutilised Defence Land

380. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of land and premises lying vacant and unutilised under the administrative control of Defence Estate Office in Delhi Cantonment ;

(b) the norms laid down by the Director General of Defence Estate for leasing/licensing of such vacant land and premises, which are not required for defence and public purposes ; and

(c) the competent authority empowered for leasing of such vacant lands and premises ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) As per records of the Defence Estates Officer, Delhi, 605.11 acres of vacant land outside the civil area in Delhi Cantonment are under the management of Defence Estate Officer. Defence buildings/premises located on defence land are not under the administrative control of the DEO, Delhi Cantonment.

Under the current policy, lands which are temporarily surplus to Defence requirements can be leased out by Defence Estate Officer to ex-Servicemen for agricultural purposes subject to the following conditions :—

(i) The lease period is normally for five years at a time.

(ii) The income of the ex-Serviceman from all sources, including pension, should not exceed Rs. 1,000 per month.

(iii) The ex-Serviceman should not be gainfully employed and should not own 5 acres or more of irrigated land or 10 acres or more of non-irrigated land.

(iv) The land leased, together with the land already owned or held no lease from any source by the ex-Serviceman, should not exceed 5 acres of wet or 10 acres of dry land.

(v) Where land is leased out to a co-operative society of ex-Servicemen, each member of the cooperative society should fulfil the above conditions and the total land leased out to such a cooperative society should not exceed the sum total of eligibility for land in respect of ex-Servicemen comprising the society according to the aforesaid conditions. Available land is distributed among all the eligible ex-Servicemen equitably subject to a minimum of 1 acre of irrigated land or 2 acres of dry land per ex-Servicemen, preference being given to the poorest. Where ex-Servicemen or their co-operatives do not come forward to take lease of temporarily surplus lands, such lands can also be leased out to landless poor persons whose total holding (owned as well as held on lease from any other source) is less than 5 acres wet or 10 acres dry and whose monthly income from all sources is Rs. 500 or less. The area of land to be leased to such persons should not exceed 5 acres of wet land or 10 acres of dry land including the land already owned or held on lease from any source. Applications from ex-Servicemen are entertained through the local District Soldiers, Sailors & Airmen Boards and those of landless persons through Collectors/ Tehsildars.

The Director General, Defence Estates has been delegated powers to grant leases for petrol pumps, subject to availability of defence land. The Director General, Defence Estates has also been delegated powers to grant licences to registered educational institutions for use of defence lands, which are not required for defence purposes, as play grounds on payment of nominal fee for a period not exceeding five years at a time. The licence granted is liable to be rescinded at any time by giving a notice of one month.

Profit of Defence Undertakings

381. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether 27 per cent increase has been registered in the profit of all the defence public sector undertakings ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, undertaking-wise ; and

(c) whether the profit is due to rise in the prices or for better production ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) The increase in the profit before tax of all the Defence Public Sector Undertakings in the year 1990-91 was 25.06% over the previous year.

(b) The details are given in the statement attached. (*See* below).

(c) The overall increase in the profit before tax in 1990-91 compared to 1989-90 was partly due to increase in value of sales in 1990-91 in comparison to 1989-90 and partly due to better management practices adopted by the Companies.